

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
Marriott Ballroom 1-4
Indianapolis Marriott Hotel Downtown
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

MINUTES

1. Welcome and IntroductionsJamie Scott
President Jamie Scott called the 75th meeting of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. (IASWCD) to order at 9:08 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis, welcoming the delegates, officers and guests. The officers seated at the head table on stage were introduced: Jamie Scott, President; Roger Wenning, Vice President; Jeff Baker, Treasurer; Kerry Ames, Secretary; and, Ed Frazier, Parliamentarian.

2. Seating of Delegates / Roll Call.....Kerry Ames
Secretary Kerry Ames asked for the tally of voting delegates that had signed in. Sixty-one delegates were present at that time. The delegates from Blackford, Fayette, Jasper, Miami and Orange Counties requested seating. President Jamie Scott asked for objections regarding seating these additional delegates. No objections were made from the floor. These delegates were seated and it was declared that a quorum of more than 1/3 of eligible voters was present with 66 delegates.

3. Minutes of 2017 Annual Business MeetingJamie Scott
The 2017 Annual Business Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer’s ReportJeff Baker
Treasurer Jeff Baker referred to the IASWCD Financial Statements provided in the 2018 Delegate Notebook on pages 23 and 24. He stated that the fiscal year ended on September 30, 2017 and that expenses were in line with prior year and budget. President Jamie Scott stated the **Treasurer’s report would be filed.**

5. Audit Committee ReportJeff Baker
Jeff Baker reported that he and Troy Hattery had met on Dec. 14, 2017 to review and audit the IASWCD financial statements for fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 and found no misrepresentation of IASWCD financial records.
Audit Committee Report was unanimously accepted.

6. Budget Committee Report.....Jeff Baker

Treasurer Jeff Baker asked for any discussion on the 2018 budget (FY 10/1/17-9/30/18) as printed in the 2018 Delegate Notebook (page 24). He noted that a full report is available from the IASWCD Executive Director upon request. There was no discussion. Jamie Scott made a motion to approve the adoption of the proposed 2018 budget as printed.

The vote to adopt the proposed 2018 budget was unanimous.

7. Resolutions.....Roger Wenning

President Jamie Scott reminded the assembly that each person may speak twice to each motion and for no more than three minutes each time. Speaking a second time may happen after everyone has had a chance to speak the first time. Vice President Roger Wenning read the four resolutions.

1. Title: Seeking Additional Annual Funding Avenues for SWCD's (2018 Delegate Notebook, page 19)

- Submitted by Pike County SWCD
- No discussion on resolution.
- After Jamie Scott asked for additional discussion and there was none a vote was taken. Eighteen opposed and the majority were in favor.
- The proposed resolution was passed and adopted.

2. Title: Feral Swine Eradication (2018 Delegate Notebook, page 20)

- Submitted by the Natural Resources Policy Committee
- Marc Roberts explained the resolution, including a definition of "feral swine."
- After Jamie Scott asked for additional discussion and there was none a vote was taken. Four opposed and the majority were in favor.
- The proposed resolution was passed and adopted.

A request was submitted and announced by President Jamie Scott to seat the Floyd County delegate. After no objections on the floor, the Floyd County delegate was seated.

3. Title: SWCD Title Change (Delegate Notebook, page 21)

- Submitted by the Knox County SWCD
- Ray Chattin, Knox County SWCD and IASWCD Region Director, explained the resolution and stated that this resolution has nothing to do with something being broken or needing fixed. He further stated that we have great partnerships; however, this resolution

addresses more of “who we are” and “who we want to become.” He reminded the delegates that 9 of 11 districts will have SISMAS.

- President Jamie Scott asked for any further discussion.
- Daryl French, Morgan County, stated that he opposes changing the name. He further explained that districts are not supposed to expand beyond the focus of soil and water.
- Kenny Sturgeon, Crawford County, stated that he opposes the name change due to cost issues
- Dave Caldwell, Fayette County, stated that he favors the name change, as he would like it to be simplified. He believes it will be easier to reach people, be more descriptive, simpler and shorter.
- Ray Chattin stated that he believes this is about something bigger; that he is created for this moment and is asking the group to move this forward.

A request was submitted and announced by President Jamie Scott to seat Johnson County delegate. After no objections on the floor, the Johnson County delegate was seated.

- After Jamie Scott asked for additional discussion and there was none a vote was taken. Five were in favor and the majority opposed.
- Resolution was not passed.

4. Title: Clean Water Indiana Funding Limitation Expansion

- Submitted by: Knox County SWCD
- President Jamie Scott asked for discussion.
- Ray Chattin quoted from Clean Water Indiana code. He further stated that when the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) looked at the resource needs of Indiana, the law seemed restrictive.
- Warren Waymire, Morgan County, stated if you understood CWI funds thoroughly, when it was set up, we told legislatures that every county would be included in CWI. If we change this, we might jeopardize this funding.
- Jim Droege, Posey County, stated that he was in support of this resolution as it is asking for SSCB to make the concerns of natural resources a priority.
- Brad Ponsler, Jennings County, stated that the Jennings County SWCD board had discussion on this resolution and they are in support of it as their county is heavily involved in pollinator projects.

- St. Joe County delegate stated he thought we should think twice about this expansion and opening this up as it has been working.
- Ray Chattin, Knox County, stated to not be afraid and stand up when no one else is. He stated to think about how invasive species is such a great threat at this time and only SWCDs are addressing this issue in a meaningful way.
- After Jamie Scott asked for additional discussion and there was none a vote was taken. Ten opposed and the majority were in favor.
- The proposed resolution was passed and adopted.

Jamie Scott asked for additional resolutions from the floor. There were none.

8. Nominating Committee ReportJeff Meinders

List of nominees were announced by Past President Jeff Meinders.

President: Jamie Scott, Kosciusko County

Vice President: Roger Wenning, Decatur County

Secretary: Kerry Ames, Putnam County

Treasurer: Jeff Baker, Warrick County

Jamie Scott reiterated the nominees and asked for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were presented.

Jamie Scott made a motion to accept the ballot and close the nominations.

Hendricks County seconded.

The majority was in favor of closing the nominations with no opposition.

Bobby Hettmansperger and Tom Crowe were appointed election tellers.

Each candidate briefly addressed the delegates.

9. Election of OfficersJeff Meinders

Ballots were collected and counted.

10. Executive Director's Report.....Jennifer Boyle Warner

Jennifer Boyle Warner, Executive Director, IASWCD, stated that she hoped everyone enjoyed the conference, the Peterson Farm Brothers, and their message. She thanked everyone for their patience with the hotel construction and stated that next year will be better there. She thanked the board, officers and outgoing board members Bobby Hettmansperger and Brad Dawson. She mentioned that new directors and new

assistants on the board would bring new ideas. She thanked staff, Amy Work, and CCSI staff, Lisa Holscher, Ashley Brucker and Joe Rorick for their help. She thanked partners and the privilege of working with these leaders every day.

Jennifer highlighted items from the 2018 IASWCD Annual Report including River Friendly Farmer event, PWQ, statehouse visits, March fly-in and contribution agreements. She encouraged those that want additional guidance in visiting the statehouse to contact her. She reminded delegates that CCSI provided a one-page highlight of 2017 accomplishments in their conference packets.

Jennifer stated that IASWCD relies on district staff to convey information to the district supervisors and to share any communication ideas with Amy Work.

She emphasized that a successful district is created by having three pillars: a strong staff; at least three engaged and committed supervisors; and, strong partners. When all three of these pillars are strong and equal, the district is strong.

She thanked everyone for attending the 75th conference.

11. New Business Election Report.....Jeff Meinders

Jamie Scott reaffirmed new officers and their positions.

12. Other business.....Jamie Scott

Jamie Scott asked for any additional business from the assembly. There was none.

13. Oath of OfficeNola Gentry

Nola Gentry, Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, performed the oath of office with the newly elected officers. They were asked if they agreed to fulfill the duties of their respective offices as stated in the IASWCD bylaws to the best of their ability. They agreed. Nola declared them duly installed as the 2018 Executive Officers of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Nola congratulated the board on a successful 2017 and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

14. Adjournment.....Jamie Scott

Jamie Scott asked for further business needs from the floor. There were none.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.